

Comprehensive Plan Community Engagement

Ward 3 Meeting Summary

Overview

On Saturday, December 7, the Office of Planning (OP) hosted its eighth of eight community meetings planned for the fall of 2019, coordinated in partnership with LINK Strategic Partners (LINK). The purpose of this series of meetings is to present an overview on the Draft Comprehensive Plan Update, including the major themes and any area elements specific to the meeting location. The meetings also intend to share an overview of the community engagement process to date and close the loop on feedback collected from District stakeholders thus far. The central question posed to attendees during the discussion period following an overview presentation is, "What would you like OP to share with your Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC)?"

Location and Attendance

The meeting took place at Woodrow Wilson High School, located in the Tenleytown neighborhood within Ward 3. The event was held in the auditorium, a large space which accommodated for the presentation portion of the program as well as the five stations for the Gallery Walk which followed. Representatives from the DC Census and the Department of Housing and Community Development were also tabling on site. The event sign-in sheet registered 135 attendees. Of those 135, one identified as a resident of ANC 3B, 11 identified as residents of ANC 3C, four identified as residents of ANC 3D, eight identified as residents of ANC 3E, 11 identified as residents of ANC 3F, four identified as residents of ANC 3G, seven identified as residents of Ward 3, three identified as residents of Ward 1, and three identified as residents of Ward 4. The other registered attendees did not identify their ANC or Ward of residence.

Run of Show

Ward 3 Councilmember Mary Cheh provided brief welcome remarks to attendees and voiced her support for continued stakeholder engagement. Commissioner Troy Kravitz of ANC 3D provided greetings to attendees and demonstrated a depth of understanding of the Comprehensive Plan and a commitment to facilitate feedback from constituents. LINK Managing Director Josh Lasky acknowledged representatives of the Executive Office of the Mayor, staff from DC Councilmembers' offices, and additional ANC Commissioners in attendance. OP Director Andrew Trueblood provided welcome remarks and introduced OP Deputy Director Anita Cozart, who presented a thorough update on the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Lasky asked Mrs. Cozart a series of questions based on initial discussions with attendees, then directed attendees to join OP and LINK staff for discussion at the Gallery Walk stations.







Major Themes and Key Takeaways from Feedback

- Several attendees shared their interest in balancing increased density with retaining and elevating the character of neighborhoods of Ward 3.
- A number of attendees had questions about the amendment process and public review period, seeking clarity on how they could best provide feedback in the coming months
- Many attendees voiced a preference for more affordable housing and a diversification of the types of housing available in Ward 3.
- Many attendees mentioned that, as Ward 3 grows, there needs to be appropriate investment in transportation infrastructure and educational facilities.





